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## St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish Cemetery



### Cemetery:

*(Do NOT send mail here)*  
401 Lakeland Avenue  
Sayville, New York

### Cemetery Office:

27 Handsome Avenue  
Sayville, New York 11782

### Office Hours:

Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 12:00pm,  
*by appointment.*

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**Fax:** 631.589.5318

### E-mail:

cemetery@stlawrencesayville.org

### Parish Website:

www.stlawrencesayville.org

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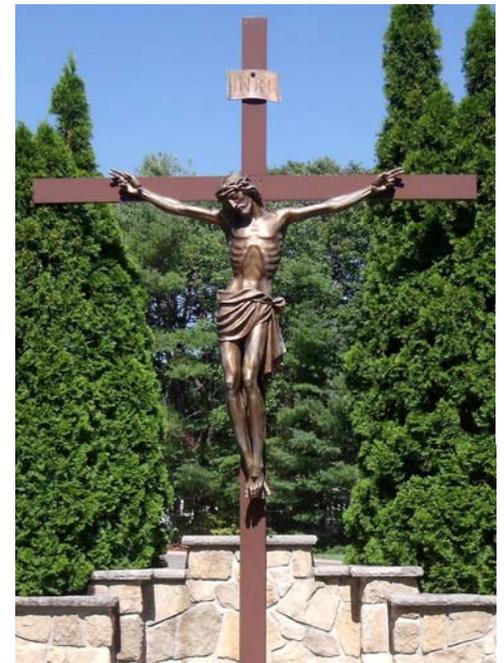
*St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish  
Cemetery is administered by  
St. Lawrence the Martyr Church,  
Sayville, New York*

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## St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish Cemetery

# *Planting and Decorating Regulations*



*Only in God is my soul at rest  
Psalm 62*

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## Greetings

You are, we feel sure, among the many relatives, friends and visitors to the cemetery who recognize that certain rules and regulations (and their observance) are necessary if the high standards of our cemetery are to be met. At St. Lawrence, we take great pride in maintaining a serene, safe and respectful environment consistent with Catholic tradition for our visitors, but more importantly, for all who rest there.

Most cemeteries, including St. Lawrence, have planting and decorating regulations in place to ensure a consistent way of maintaining the property that is tasteful and even-handed for all. We hope that by adhering to these regulations we are able to provide not only those who visit a loved one's grave, but also those seeking a burial place for a loved one, a safe, well maintained, and reverential place for eternal rest.

These regulations are posted on message boards in the cemetery, as well as on the St. Lawrence Parish website, and may be periodically updated. Some of the items are not permitted to remain on the property because they pose a safety hazard to visitors and groundskeepers.

Please know that we are doing our best to provide you with a safe, dignified and holy place for you to visit and honor your loved ones. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

*Thank you for your understanding.*

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## General Information

General clean-up of all sections takes place periodically throughout the year. During these times, all grave planting and decorating violations are subject to removal. The placement of all items is regulated for the common good of all.

No placed item is permanent to the site. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of any decoration or planting not in accordance with the Planting and Decorating Regulations, without notice or compensation.

Because the cemetery grounds are open to the public, we cannot guarantee items from damage or disappearance. Any item placed at the burial site should be considered at risk for loss.

## Flush Marker Graves

No plantings, decorations or flags permitted.

## Single and Double Graves

Annual flowers may be planted directly in front of the monument. Flowers such as geraniums, marigolds, and begonias are well suited examples. No shrubs, bushes, perennial plants, vines, hostas, climbers, rose bushes, hedging or growing boundaries are permitted.

## Three Grave Plots And Larger

Shrubs and bushes of a slow-growing or dwarf variety are permitted to be planted on each side of the monument. No shrub or bush should exceed the height of the monument. Annual flowers may also be planted directly in front of the monument. Flowers such as geraniums, marigolds, and begonias are well suited examples. Perennial plants, vines, hostas, climbers, rose bushes, hedging or growing boundaries are not permitted.

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## All Gravesites

Fresh floral bouquets are always welcome and may be placed in the planting area in front of any monument using "Out Of Sight" flush flower vases. Artificial flowers and floral bouquets are only permitted from November 1<sup>st</sup> until two weeks after Easter.

Potted plants are permitted on all graves for Holy Days and holidays. They will be removed two weeks after the day of celebration.

Christmas decorations in the form of a wreath or blanket may be placed on the gravesite. These items, as well as all other Christmas decorations will be removed at the end of January.

Flags must not exceed 12 x 16 inches. Flags must be on a vertical mast only. No more than two flags are permitted on any plot. One must be an American flag. The other flag may be from the Armed Services, Fire Department, VFW or Amvets. No sports team, holiday or other types of flags are permitted. Faded, torn, damaged or unsuitable flags will be removed.

Glass jars, vases, statues, shells, stuffed animals, vigil lights, solar lights, wooden, metal or plastic crosses, marble, wood chips or decorative stone of any type, fences, metal, plastic, stone, brick or concrete edging, greeting cards, pinwheels, balloons, and bric-a-brac of any kind are not permitted to remain on the site. Any articles of these types or others deemed unsuitable by the Cemetery Office will be removed without notice or compensation.

